



A Family Science Night is an evening program of hands-on science activities held at an elementary school that provides an opportunity for children and their parents to work together to conduct simple, inquiry-based, age-appropriate science activities. There are two primary goals:

- 1) to stimulate an excitement and interest in science among elementary school children and their parents,
- 2) to get parents involved in the educational process.

Research shows that children with parents involved in their education perform at higher levels than those children whose parents are not involved. Surveys also indicate that parents pass to their children their own attitudes toward science and mathematics. Family Science Nights offer an opportunity to involve parents and children in fun science discoveries.

Planning a Family Science Night:

- Decide on a date – check your school calendar and Sandia Labs availability
- Sandia will provide 16 Science Stations, including all materials and instructions (Spanish and English)
- Allow 1 ½ hours in the evening (plus one hour for setup)
- Plan for about 70-80 students and their families
- Arrange to use your cafeteria – requires 8 cafeteria tables
- Advertise to your school and decide how to limit attendance if necessary
- Recruit 2 teachers and 3 other adults to help setup and cleanup

Availability is limited – Reserve Your Family Science Night Today!

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